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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 1000 EDT)

1. [redacted] shortly after 0815 EDT that US forces are unable to move equipment by road from San Isidro toward Santo Domingo because the rebels have the highway blocked.

2. The press quotes US officials as stating this morning that the firing in Santo Domingo has "definitely abated" and that the situation in the city is "much quieter," although some sporadic gunfire was still occurring.

3. A hard-line Communist group in Panama was making bombs and Molotov cocktails last week and was planning to use them against the American Embassy today, May Day, [redacted]

[redacted] Such action, if it takes place, would probably be represented as a "popular protest" against US actions in the Dominican Republic.

4. There is in addition information [redacted] on the possibility of Communist May Day action in Venezuela (see Situation Report of 2400, 30 April). [redacted]

[redacted] Communist security brigades plan to join the scheduled May Day march. If the marchers are attacked, units of the Communist military arm, the Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN) will go into action, attacking police cars and police radio cars. Two gas pipelines are also to be blown up.

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